Clarendon Happenings

Clarendon UMC Annual Charge Conference Today

Charge Conference will be held in person **today**, at 11:30AM in the Praise Room. Leadership Board members are the only voting members of the Conference, however, the meeting is open to all members of the church. A limited number of copies of the Charge Conference reports will be available at the meeting.

Fellowship, Food and Follies Church Dinner



Friday, November 13, 6PM

All ages are invited to an evening of good times, good food, and great entertainment! It all begins at 6:00PM with burgers and hotdogs (provided by the church) and side dishes. Socialize with your friends and meet someone new! After dinner, we will have entertainment provided by some of our church small groups. You won't want to miss it! It is very important that we know how many people are coming so that we are prepared, so please **RSVP via the Church Center Signups app or the QR code.** If you'd like to bring a side or dessert, that would be wonderful and you can indicate that, too.

Autumn Workday

By popular demand we've scheduled our Autumn Workday for an afternoon after church. Sunday, November 22. We'll have donuts and coffee outside and provide rakes and shovels. Come to church dressed for a little dirty work!

We'll have an easier workload this year, laying some mulch and raking a bit of leaves around the trees in our yard (we'll be leaving them to feed the grass and trees) but the more who help, the faster we'll finish. Come enjoy the autumn weather together before traveling for Thanksgiving!

Young Professionals Friendsgiving Today

Please join the Young Professionals (18-35ish year olds) for a Friendsgiving **today at 6:30PM** in Corry Hall. All are welcome, and please bring a dish to share! If you plan to attend, please add your name, what you are planning to bring, and any dietary restrictions to the Google Sheet linked in the Friday newsletter. Please reach out to Ashley Willingham with any questions. Looking forward to sharing food and fellowship!



Christmas Trees Are Coming to Clarendon!

The Clarendon Christmas Tree Lot is back! This year, we'll have **280 beautiful Fraser firs** ready to bring a little Christmas cheer to homes across our community. The tree lot is about more than holiday decorations. **Every tree we sell helps our neighbors.** This year we are focusing our support on **PathForward**, serving people experiencing homelessness in Arlington.

Last year we raised **$14,000** for charity. Let's do it again!

Buy your tree: Trees can be ordered online today and picked up beginning Saturday, November 28. clarendonumc.org/events/christmas-trees

Handmade wreaths will also be available for purchase at the lot while supplies last.

Join the Tree Lot Team!

The Christmas Tree Lot is one of our favorite Clarendon traditions, and it takes a lot of hands to make it happen. We need volunteers to **welcome customers, sell trees, carry and tie trees to cars, make wreaths, and help keep the lot running smoothly.** No experience necessary — we'll show you what to do! Bring your family, invite a friend, or sign up for a shift with someone from church. **Sign up to volunteer:** https://bit.ly/cumc-tree-lot

And don't forget to spread the word! Tell your friends and neighbors where they can find a great Christmas tree while supporting a great cause. See you on the tree lot!

The Mitten Trees



There's a chill in the air and that means the Mitten Trees will be back soon. We hope you will help Clarendon's Women in Faith bring warmth and joy to kids at Carlin Springs Elementary School. Look for the trees and donation boxes at both main entrances to the Sanctuary on November 15-28. This is a shortened collection period from the past. The school's focus this year is on coats, either new or gently used (in good shape, and freshly laundered), ranging in sizes from kids' extra small (4-5) through adult large. The biggest needs are for kids' medium (10-12), and they occasionally need adult medium or large. New winter hats, gloves and mittens also are welcome. Last December we learned they have students who participate in swimming lessons, so a new need this year is swimwear and towels. Here is a link to their Amazon swimming wish list: https://a.co/09QbqYMx.

Your generous support makes a meaningful difference!

Church office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, 10AM - 2PM 703-527-8574 or office@ClarendonUMC.org

Items for the Friday email/Clarendon Happenings are due by Noon on Wednesday.

Please submit all calendar and room requests to Fran Underwood at the office email.

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